

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the reissue application filed concurrently herewith.

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 13 have been amended to match the description in the specification to ensure that the claims are accurate and have the proper scope. Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 14 to be consistent with claims 1 and 13, to remove unnecessary limitations or to correct typographical errors. Applicant also has added claims 15 - 38 to claim additional subject matter which Applicant had a right to claim in the original application. Claims 1 - 38 are now pending in this Reissue application.

Applicant has amended portions of the Specification to correct unclear language and language that mirrored the original, inaccurate claims 1 and 13 and to correct several typographical errors.

Applicant has amended the drawings to add inadvertently omitted reference designations and other reference lines that may serve to further clarify the drawings.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment. Each of the above amendments will now be discussed in detail.

Description of Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the Abstract at line 11 and the Specification at column 1, line 54 and column 2, line 35 to recite that the biasing member biases the pull pin towards the first position, rather than the second, to lock the first and

**Preliminary Amendment for Reissue Application**

**Amendment Date March 29, 2004**

**Original Patent No. 6,575,656 B2**

second poles. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 44 - 46 and column 4, lines 10 - 21 and in FIGS. 2 - 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 2, line 18 to correct a typographical error. The word "and" has been replaced with the word "an." This amendment is supported, for example, by the grammatical context of the sentence.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 2, line 37 to correct a typographical error. The misspelled word "embedement" has been replaced with the word "embodiment." This amendment is supported, for example, by the grammatical context of the sentence.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 2, lines 61 - 64 and column 3, lines 2, 38, 39 and 58 to refer to the embodiment of FIG. 3. These amendments are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 3 - 5 and 38 - 60 and column 4, lines 30 - 38.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 2, lines 65 - 66 to reword the sentence and correct a typographical error. The word "alone" has been replaced with the word "along." This amendment is supported, for example, by the grammatical context of the sentence and FIG. 5.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, lines 12 - 13 to refer to FIGS. 1, 2 and 6. These amendments are supported, for example, by FIGS. 1, 2 and 6.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, line 15 to add reference numeral 20. This amendment is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 10 - 12 and FIG. 2.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, line 22 to change reference numeral 11 to reference numeral 12. This

amendment is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 10 - 25 and FIG. 2.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, line 24 to correct a typographical error. A comma has been added to the sentence. This amendment is supported, for example, by the grammatical context of the sentence.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, lines 29 - 30 to refer to FIG. 3. These amendments are supported, for example, by FIG. 3.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 3, line 42 to add the phrase "(shown in FIG. 5)." This amendment is supported, for example, by FIG. 5.

Applicant has amended the Specification at column 4, line 6 to add the phrase "(shown in FIG. 2)." This amendment is supported, for example, by FIG. 2.

#### Description of Amendments to the Claims

Applicant has amended claim 1 to add "a" before "third hole. This amendment is supported, for example, by the context of the claim.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 13 to recite that the biasing member biases the pull pin towards the first position, rather than the second, to lock the first and second poles. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 44 - 46 and column 4, lines 10 - 21 and in FIGS. 2 - 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended claim 2 to recite that "the circumferential stop is dimensioned to prevent the pull pin from passing completely through the first hole in the first position," rather than the second position. Support for this

**Preliminary Amendment for Reissue Application**

**Amendment Date March 29, 2004**

**Original Patent No. 6,575,656 B2**

amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 58 - 64 and in FIGS. 3, 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended claims 3 and 14 to delete the term "radially." Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 2, lines 32 - 42 and column 4, lines 30 - 38.

Applicant has amended claim 5 to correct a typographical error. The word "traverse" has been replaced with the word "transverse." This amendment is supported, for example, by the grammatical context of the claim and the Specification at column 3, lines 26 - 30.

Applicant has amended claims 7, 10 and 14 to delete the phrase "to prevent the pull pin from passing completely through the pull pin body." Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 28 - 36 and 58 - 64 and in FIGS. 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended claim 9 to change the word "the" to "a." This amendment is supported, for example, by the recited elements in claims 1 and 9.

New claims 15 - 38 have been added to claim the recited pull pin assemblies.

New claims 15 and 18 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 2, lines 17 - 19 and by FIGS. 3 and 4.

New claims 16 and 19 are supported, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 58 - 64 and in FIGS. 3, 4 and 6.

New claims 17, 23 and 33 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 11 - 25 and by FIGS. 2 and 6.

New claim 20 is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 37 - 57 and column 2, lines 24

**Preliminary Amendment for Reissue Application**

**Amendment Date March 29, 2004**

**Original Patent No. 6,575,656 B2**

- 27 and column 3, lines 11 - 20 and 39 - 40 and by FIGS. 2, 3 and 6. See also, original claims 1 and 13.

New claims 21, 22 and 32 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 37 - 40 and column 3, lines 13 - 20 and by FIGS. 2 and 6. See also, original claim 1.

New claims 24 and 35 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 2, lines 17 - 19 and by FIGS. 3 and 4.

New claims 25 and 36 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 47 - 48. See also, original claim 1.

New claim 26 is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 58 - 61 and column 3, lines 61 - 64 and by FIGS. 3, 4 and 6. See also, original claim 2.

New claims 27 and 29 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 39 - 53 and by FIGS. 2 - 6.

New claim 28 is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 37 - 57 and 59 - 64 and column 2, lines 24 - 27 and column 3, lines 11 - 20, 39 - 40 and 61 - 64 and by FIGS. 2, 3 and 6. See also, original claims 1 and 13.

New claims 30 and 31 are supported, for example, by the Specification at column 3, lines 13 - 20 and FIGS. 2 and 6. See also, original claim 1.

New claim 34 is supported, for example, by FIGS. 2 - 4.

New claim 37 is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 37 - 57 and column 2, lines 17 - 19 and 24 - 27 and column 3, lines 10 - 20 and 39 - 40 and by FIGS. 2 - 4 and 6. See also, original claims 1 and 13.

New claim 38 is supported, for example, by the Specification at column 1, lines 37 - 57 and 62 - 64 and column 2, lines 17 - 19 and 24 - 27 and column 3, lines 10 - 25, 39 -

**Preliminary Amendment for Reissue Application**  
**Amendment Date March 29, 2004**  
**Original Patent No. 6,575,656 B2**

51 and 61 - 64 and by FIGS. 2 - 4 and 6. See also, original claims 1 and 13.

Description of Amendments to the Drawings


Applicant has amended FIGS. 3 and 4 to include reference numeral 61, which was left out of the original FIGS. 3 and 4 through inadvertent error. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 4, lines 30 - 34 and by FIGS. 3, 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended FIGS. 3, 4 and 6 to add further definition of reference numeral 62, which was left out of the original FIGS. 3, 4 and 6 through inadvertent error. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 11 -12 and 30 - 36 and column 4, lines 30 - 34 and by FIGS. 3, 4 and 6.

Applicant has amended FIG. 6 to include reference numerals 11, 12 and 21, which were left out of the original FIG. 6 through inadvertent error. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in the Specification at column 3, lines 26 - 38 and column 4, lines 30 - 34 and by FIGS. 2 - 4 and 6.

It is requested that the Preliminary Amendment be entered in its entirety. If there are any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By   
Stephen D. Burbach  
Reg. No. 40,285  
626/795-9900

RAH/eaj  
CAH PAS529603.3-\*03/26/04 1:14 PM

# APPENDIX A

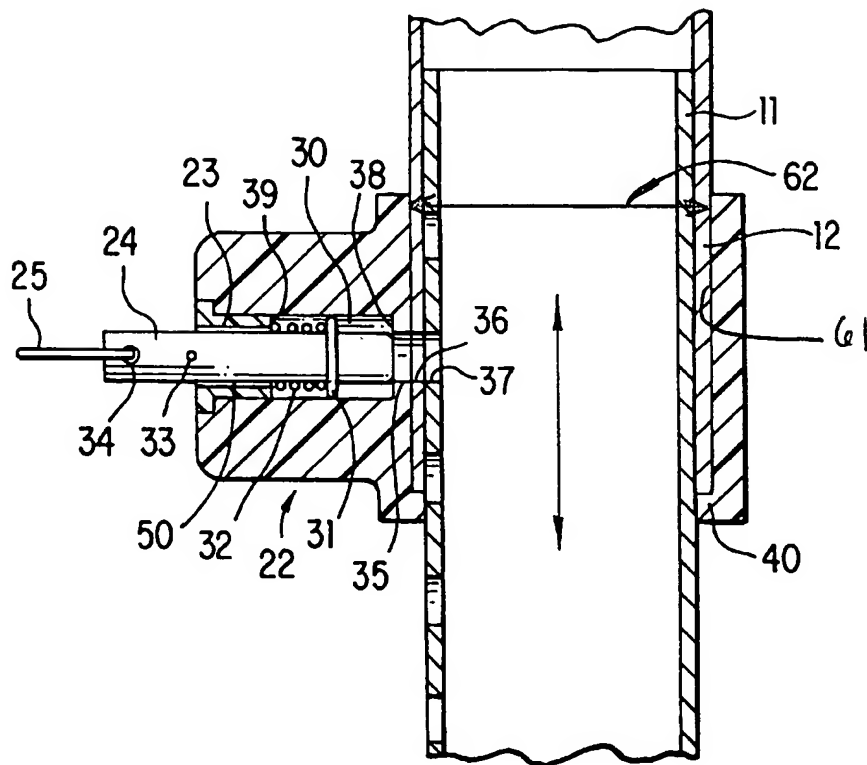


FIG. 3

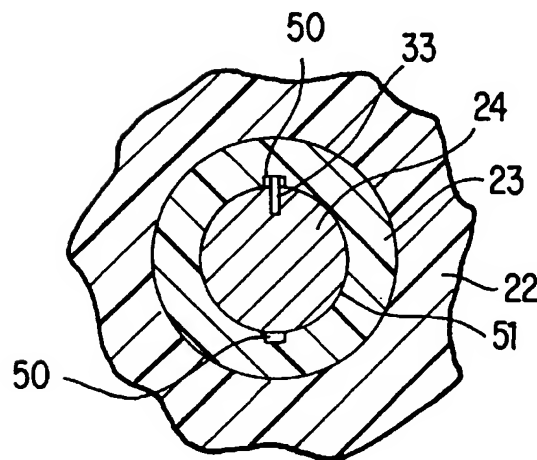


FIG. 5

